

DIRECTION 120

Rhabditis Dujardin, [1844] (Nematoda): Official List entry completed

Ruling

(1) The entry in the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology is completed as follows: *Rhabditis* Dujardin, [1844] (gender: feminine) type species, by subsequent designation by Stiles & Hassall, 1905, *Rhabditis terricola* Dujardin, [1844].

(2) The name *terricola* Dujardin, [1844], as published in the binomen *Rhabditis terricola* (specific name of the type species of *Rhabditis* Dujardin, [1844]) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of case 937

An application for the clarification of the entry concerning *Rhabditis* Dujardin on the Official List (see Opinion 104) was first formulated by the late Francis Hemming (then Secretary of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature) in 1958. This was one of 21 other names temporarily deleted from the List pending further investigations into their nomenclatural status. In 1984, Mr R. V. Melville (then Secretary) completed a revised application aimed at confirming the type species of *Rhabditis*, and its date of publication. This was published in BZN 42: 197–198 (June 1985). A comment from Dr W. G. Inglis (*Office of the Chief Scientific Advisor, Adelaide, Australia*) was published with a reply from Mr Melville, in BZN 43: 5–6.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote for or against the proposals set out in BZN 42: 198. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1986 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—18: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes—none.

Holthuis was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Cogger, Dupuis, Gruchy, Heppell and Starobogatov.

Original references

The following are the original references to names placed on Official Lists by the ruling in the present Opinion:

Rhabditis Dujardin, [1844], *Histoire naturelle des Helminthes*, p. 239

terricola, *Rhabditis*, Dujardin, [1844], *Histoire naturelle des Helminthes*, p. 340

The following is the original reference to the subsequent designation of a type species for the nominal genus *Rhabditis* Dujardin, [1844]: of *Rhabditis terricola* Dujardin, [1844] by Stiles & Hassall, 1905, *Bulletin of the Bureau of Animal Industry*, 79: 134.